

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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For: METHOD OF APPLYING ADHESIVE COATED FILM

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

A2 -- With respect to the surface characteristics of the Heat Neutral Pressure Source, the film-contacting portion of the device has a geometry such that a soft or melted film does not distort or adhere to the device in a manner that would result in tearing or other such damage to the film. Thus, for example, while cotton is a material that is low in thermal conductivity, a cotton glove may be unsuitable for use as a Heat Neutral Pressure Source for certain film materials because its surface presents fibers and other such irregularities that provide interstices for flow of a highly softened or melted film therein and furthermore adheres to many highly soften films. The surface characteristics of a cotton glove, therefore, leads to disruption of the appearance of the film in an attempt to carry out the process of this invention. --

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

A3 -- Preferably, the pressure source is compressive to allow full contact of the film to be adhered with the substrate. Thus, if an intended substrate contains a rivet that stands out from the plane of the substrate, a pressure source that is not compressive will not conform around the protruding rivet, and thus will allow non-contact or "tenting" of the film to occur at the base of the rivet. A preferred pressure source will allow full conformation or compliance of the pressure source around any surface irregularity to be encountered in the intended application. --